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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Tom Redden, Sr. of  
Lincoln County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Tom Redden, Sr., former Lincoln County Executive and a highly respected community leader; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Lincoln County, Mr. Redden was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Tom Redden, Sr. came to Lincoln County in 1973 following his retirement as lieutenant colonel from a distinguished career in the United States Army; served valiantly during the wars in Korea and Vietnam and again answered the call of duty by returning to the service of his country during the Persian Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redden settled in the Howell community of Lincoln County, where he owned a farm and operated a country store; it was there that he developed a love of the county and its people that led to more than two decades of dedicated service to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tom Redden, Sr. served with acumen and alacrity as Lincoln County Executive from 1982 to 1986, in which position he earned the respect of his constituents for the exemplary quality of his service and his dedication to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redden's dedication to Lincoln County was manifested through his active participation in numerous organizations including the Lincoln County Livestock Association, The United Way, the South Central Human Resource Association, Leadership Lincoln, and the local unit of the Tennessee National Guard; he also astutely served the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce as executive director from 1991 through 1996; and

WHEREAS, Tom Redden, Sr. was an active and devout Christian; he worshipped at First Baptist Church and West End Baptist Church, each of which he served faithfully as deacon; he was also a member of the Gideon Camp of Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redden was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Tom Redden, Sr. enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Marjorie Redden, and was the proud parent of Thomas Walter Redden, Jr. and David McLeod Redden; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redden leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Tom Redden, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction and his meritorious public service as Lincoln County Executive and as a community leader of the utmost ability and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Redden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.